



COURSE SYLLABUS “THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS”

Basic data of the subject	
Academic unit:	Faculty of Law
Subject title:	THE LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
Program:	General law
Level:	Bachelor
Subject Status:	Obligatory
Year of studies:	IV'th
Number of hours per week:	3+2
Credit value – ECTS:	6 ECTS
Time / location:	
Teacher:	Prof.Ass.Dr. Shefki Shtërbani
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Course description:	<p>This course will provide students with basic knowledge about the development and function of international organizations. International organizations play an increasingly important role in the world both in maintaining peace and security and in economic development. The content of the course is focused on the legal review of the establishment, operation, institutional structure and law which is developed by international organizations.</p> <p>The course will include the content of international organizations in the historical context, until today. Starting with sources, definition, establishment and membership of states in international organizations, exclusion and suspension. Students will also be introduced to issues such as: international legal subjectivity, responsibility of international organizations, immunities and privileges.</p> <p>The focus of this course will be the legal structure, functioning and importance and role played by some of the most important universal and regional (inter-governmental) organizations in the world, such as the UN, the EU and other regional organizations. Also, part of this subject includes the specialized organizations and international non-governmental organizations, the role of international organizations in the protection and promotion of human rights.</p> <p>As part of this subject, the local context also includes the representation of some international organizations and their role in the Republic of Kosovo. This will enable the students to get basic knowledge about the report and about the membership process of the Republic of Kosovo in international organizations.</p>

<p>Purpose of the course:</p>	<p>The course has the primary purpose of providing knowledge in the theoretical and practical understanding of the functioning and activities of international organizations.</p> <p>Through these topics that are covered in this course, students will be able to gain knowledge about the functioning, structure and role of international organizations from the past to the present day, encouraging them to develop critical thinking related to understanding the functioning and importance of international organizations.</p>		
<p>Learning outcomes:</p>	<p><i>After successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understand the historical development of international organizations and their importance today; - identify and solve legal problems that arise within international organizations; - evaluate the importance and process of membership in international organizations. - analyze and interpret legal issues regarding international organizations, in order to give independently various solutions to emerging legal problems. 		
Student workload (should correspond to the student's learning outcomes)			
activity	hour	Day/week	in total
Lectures	3	1/15	45
Theoretical/laboratory exercises	2	1/15	30
Practical work			
Contacts with the teacher/consultations	1	1/5	5
Field exercises	5	1	5
Colloquiums, seminars	2	2	4

Homework	1	6	6
Student's independent study time (in the library or at home)	2	15	30
Final exam preparation	5	3	15
Time spent on assessment (tests, quizzes, final exam)	2	2	4
Projects, presentations, etc.	2	3	6
TOTAL			150 hours 6 ECTS
Teaching methodology:	<p>Throughout the semester, various methods, techniques and activities will be used in this course, in developing critical, analytical thinking of students to achieve the learning goals of the subject.</p> <p>The subject of Law of International Organizations will be held in lectures and exercises, where students will be involved through presentations, group work, cases studies. Students will also be encouraged in research and writing of seminar papers and research activities.</p>		
Evaluation methodology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active participation in lectures and exercises: 10% - Midterm exam: 10% - Seminars and presentations: 10% - Final exam: 70% 		
Literature			
Primary/basic literature:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ksenofon Kristafi, "E Drejta e Organizatave Ndërkombëtare", Onufri, Tiranë 2015. -Zejnullah Gruda, "E Drejta Ndërkombëtare Publike" (Kapitulli për Organizatat Ndërkombëtare), Prishtinë 2013. 		

Additional literature:	<p>- Arif Riza, “E drejta e organizatave ndërkombëtare”, Prishtinë, 2011.</p> <p>-David Armstrong et al., “Organizatat Ndërkombëtare në Politikën Botërore”, AHS Tirana Times 2009.</p> <p>-Ian Hurd, “Organizatat Ndërkombëtare, Politika, Ligji Praktika”, në shqip: botime dudaj, Tiranë 2015.</p> <p>- Elmas Leci, “Organizatat & Institucionet Ndërkombëtare”, Tiranë 2011.</p> <p>-Jan Klabbers, “An Introduction to International Organisations Law”, Cambridge University Press 2022.</p> <p>-Nigel D. White, “The law of international organisations”, Second edition, Juris Publishing, Manchester University Press, 2005.</p> <p>Bob Reinalda, “Routledge Handbook of International Organization”, 1st Edition, Published March 5, 2019 by Routledge.</p> <p>-Michael P. Scharf, “The Law of International Organizations: Problems and Materials”, Carolina Academic Press, SHBA 200.</p> <p>- Profesor Klaus-Diter Borçard, “ABC – ja e të Drejtës të Bashkimit Evropian”, Bashkimi Evropian, 2010.</p> <p>-Anna-Karin Lindblom, “Non-governmental organisations in International Law”, Cambridge University Press 2009.</p>
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Designed lesson plan:

WEEK	Lecture	Exercise
<i>First week:</i>	<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>-Course content; -Teaching methodology; -Assessment methods</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p><i>Presentation on the methodology of exercises;</i></p> <p><i>Assessment methods in exercises</i></p>
<i>Second week:</i>	<p>Historical background development of international organizations</p>	<p><i>Historical background of the first international organizations.</i></p>

<i>Third week:</i>	Sources of law of international organizations	<i>Sources of law of international organizations with practical examples</i>
<i>Fourth week:</i>	Definition and classification of international organizations	<i>Interactive discussions and explanation of the definition and classification of international organizations</i>
<i>Fifth week:</i>	Membership and admission to international organizations Withdrawal, Suspension, Exclusion and Succession	<i>Case study of admission, withdrawal and suspension of states in international organizations</i>
<i>Sixth week:</i>	International legal subjectivity (personality) of international organizations Responsibilities of international organizations Relations with non-member states	<i>Theoretical explanation and case analysis of organizations that have international legal subjectivity.</i> <i>Their international responsibility and contractual relationship with non-member states.</i>
<i>Seventh week:</i>	MIDTERM EXAM	
<i>Seventh week:</i>	Immunity and privileges of international organizations Fundings of international organizations	<i>Case studies related to immunity and privileges of international organizations.</i> <i>Examples of ways of financing international organizations.</i>
<i>Ninth week:</i>	International intergovernmental organizations	<i>Student presentations</i> <i>Working in groups in case studies from UN institutions</i>

	<p>General international organizations – The League of Nations</p> <p>United Nations System (UN) – legal and institutional structure</p>	<p><i>and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) jurisprudence.</i></p>
<p><i>Tenth week:</i></p>	<p>The development of the UN from its establishment until today: results and reforms</p> <p>The legislative capacity of the UN and its legal personality</p>	<p><i>Student presentations</i></p> <p><i>‘Brainstorming’.</i></p>
<p><i>Eleventh week:</i></p>	<p>Regional intergovernmental organizations</p> <p>The European Union and other European organizations</p>	<p><i>Explanation and discussion with students about regional intergovernmental organizations.</i></p> <p><i>Comparative examples</i></p>
<p><i>Twelve week:</i></p>	<p>Regional organizations</p> <p>Specialized institutions</p>	<p><i>Comparative examples from regional organizations and Specialized Institutions.</i></p> <p><i>Work in groups.</i></p>
<p><i>Thirteenth week:</i></p>	<p>International non-governmental organizations</p> <p>Legal character and representation of international non-governmental organizations</p>	<p><i>Some international non-governmental organizations.</i></p> <p><i>Presentation of students.</i></p>
<p><i>Fourteenth week:</i></p>	<p>International organizations and human rights</p> <p>International courts and tribunals (ICTY, ICC)</p>	<p><i>Case studies from the judicial practice of the, ICTY, ICC.</i></p>

<p><i>Fifteenth week:</i></p>	<p>The role and representation of international organizations in Kosovo (UN, OSCE, NATO, EU mechanisms)</p> <p>Membership of Kosovo in international organizations</p>	<p>Discussion with students and presentation of the representation of international organizations in Kosovo.</p> <p><i>Application and procedures for Kosovo's admission to organizations such as EU, EC, UN.</i></p> <p><i>Group work</i></p>
<p>Academic policies and code of conduct</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students must have regular attendance in lectures and exercises, where their presence will be evidenced. -Students are strongly encouraged to ask questions, comments and participate actively in discussions in lectures and exercises; - Copying the work of others, using unapproved materials during exams, is considered fraud and will not be tolerated; - Laptop use is allowed only when approved by the professor; - The use of mobile phones is prohibited. 		